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DEPT PASS AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: LOS-ARCHIPELAGOS AND STRAITS

1. IN SEPARATE APPROACHES OCTOBER 30 AMBASSADOR OGISO
AND MR. OSHIMA OF JAPAN INQUIRED AS TO PROGRESS ON
ARCHIPELAGOS WITH INDONESIA. AND EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT
THINGS WERE GOING AS WELL AS PROFESSOR MOORE SAID. EACH
EXPRESSED VIEW THAT INDONESIA WAS STRINGING US ALONG ON
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TRANSIT WHILE BUILDING UP VOTING MAJORITY ON ISSUE.

OGISO SAID GOJ APPROACHED GOI IN DJAKARTA AFTER CARACAS ON FISHERIES ADN SUBMARINE CABLE ASPECTS OF ISSUE, AND MOCHTAR SAID AGREEMENT NO RPT NOT REACHED WITH US. ON TRANSIT ISSUE. GOJ HAS RECEIVED NO REPLY ON OTHER ISSUES, AND BELIEVES MOCHTAR'S "SYMPATHETIC LISTENING" COULD BE MININTERPRETED...I REPLIED THAT WE UNDERSTOOD RISK, BUT FELT GOI WAS NEGOTIATING IN GOOD FAITH. GOI WAS REALISTIC, AND INABILITY TO DIVIDE MARITIME POWERS ON ISSUE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR.

2. ORISO ASKED IF WE PLANNED TO TALK WITH GOI AGAIN. I SAID WE PLANNED TO CONTINUED CONSULTATIONS, HOPEFULLY BEFORE THE NEW YEAR. HE ASKED FOR PRECISE DATES IO AS TO COORDINATE ADDITIONAL GOJ APPROACH. REQUEST CONFIRMATION DATES. RECOMMEND THAT IN GIVING DATES TO OGISO I REQUEST ADVANCE INFORMATION ON PLANNED GOJ APPROACHED, STATE OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WOULD BASICALLY CONCERN FISHERIES AND SUBMIRINE CABLE PROBLEMS, AND REASSURE OGISO THAT WE WILL BRIEF GOJ ON RESULTS NEXT ROUND OF USG-GOI TALKS ON OTHER ASPECTS. (WE NEED NOT ADDRESS ISSUE OF HOW GOJ WILL BE BRIEFED NOW, BUT THERE MAY BE MERIT IN DEPARTMENT CONSIDERING BREIFING BY ARCHIPELAGO TEAM IN TOKYO ENROUTE HOME, OR EXPANDING STOPOVER TO COVER OTHER ISSUES AS WELL IN ORDER TO REINFORCE GOJ INTEREST IN COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP IN LIGHT DOMESTIC PRESSURE ON STRAITS ISSUE.)

3. STRAITS. OSHIMA ASKED IF I WAS AWARE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROBLEM ADDING THAT HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD HAVE IMPACT ON GOJ STRAITS POSITION, AND HOPED IT WOULD NOT BE TOO SEVERE.

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